Title: Regarding status of implementation of recommendations in the 2nd Report of Standing Committee on Urban Development.

12.26 Â¾ hrs.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

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MR. SPEAKER: The House shall now take up Item No.16. The hon. Minister may lay the Statement on the Table of the House.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Sir, I beg to lay the Statement on the Table of the House.

Sir, I rise to make this statement in pursuance of the direction 73A of the Hon. Speaker, Lok Sabha which reads as under:-

"The Minister concerned shall make once in six months a statement in the House regarding the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Reports of Departmentally Related Standing Committee of Lok Sabha with regard to his Ministry."

I would like to inform for the benefit of the Hon. Members of the House that the 2nd Report of the Standing Committee of the 14th Lok Sabha on Urban Development was presented to Lok Sabha (laid in Rajya Sabha) on 23.08.2004. There were 42 recommendations made in this Report. Action Taken Notes on these recommendations were submitted by the Ministry of Urban Development to the Committee in December, 2004.

After examining the replies of the Government contained in the Action Taken Notes, the Hon. Standing Committee presented its 5 th Report on Demands for Grants (2004-05) of the Ministry of Urban Development on 22nd March, 2005.

The Hon. Committee in the 5th Report has divided the Action Taken Notes on the 42 recommendations contained in its 2 nd Report in the following categories:-

(i) Recommendations accepted by the Government … 27

Recommendations which the Committee would not like to pursue in view of the Government replies … 4

Recommendations in respect of which replies of the Government have not been accepted by the Committee … 3

Recommendations in respect of which final replies of the Government are still awaited. … 8

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to inform the Hon. Members that in respect of 27 recommendations which have been accepted by the Government, further follow up action wherever necessary will be taken and intimated to the august House in due course of time. In respect of 4 recommendations which the Committee does not wish to pursue in view of the replies furnished by the Government, no further action is required to be taken by the Ministry of Urban Development.

The Hon. Committee has not accepted the replies of the Ministry of Urban Development in respect of 3 recommendations and final replies are yet to be furnished in respect of 8 recommendations. The committee has desired that replies to the recommendations contained in Chapter-V of the 5th Report should be furnished within three months (w.e.f. 23.03.05) and final replies to the recommendations contained in Chapter-I of the 5th Report by 10th September, 2005. I wish to assure the House that these replies will be furnished by the Ministry of Urban Development by the stipulated dates.

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